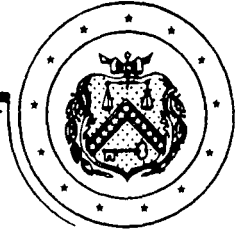


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ONE AND FIVE CENT COINS TO BE DATED 1965

Assistant Treasury Secretary Robert A. Wallace announced that, beginning today, one-cent and five-cent coins will be dated 1965 instead of 1964.

The 1964 date has been used on pennies and nickels thus far this year to avoid worsening shortages of these coins, now largely overcome. This will permit coins of these denominations to bear the same date as the new dimes, quarters and half dollars, authorized by the Coinage Act of 1965.

Penny and nickel inventories are sufficient to permit this move. However, supplies of dimes, quarters and half dollars are not yet adequate to change the 1965 date to 1966.

Coins of all denominations will resume normal dating when there are enough in the pipelines to assure protection against shortages.

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